GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which spices are being exported;

(b) the total amount of spices exported to those countries during last three years, country-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether there has been a sharp decline in the export of spices during the first six months of 2003-04 than the same period of last financial year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to boost the export of spices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Major countries to which spices are exported are USA, UK, Japan, Germany, Sri Lanka, Singapore, UAE, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh.

(b): A statement is annexed.

(c): There is a decline of 17% in terms of quantity and 6% in value in export of spices during the first six months of 2003-04 compared to the corresponding period of last financial year.

(d): Decline in exports of spices is primarily attributed to the higher prices offered by India for chilly, turmeric and fenugreek, thus making these spices un-competitive in the international market.

(e)It is constant endeavor of the Government to increase export of spices. Apart from the general trade policy reforms, some of the steps taken to enhance exports of spices include adoption of high-tech processes and technology upgradation of value addition, supporting exporters in setting up in-house laboratories and acquiring modern analytical gadgets, market promotion, support to organic spice farming, Integrated pest and diseases management, better post harvest improvement programme, research programmes etc.

Annexure Value of Spices
Exported in Rs. Crores CountriesValue during2000-01 Value during2001-02 (E) Value during2002-03(E) USA470.07 420.45 427.65 UK 116.57 115.61 113.57 Japan 121.39 115.87 102.44 Germany 67.70 60.49 94.47 Sri Lanka 73.53 94.76 89.32 China 32.84 23.10 78.65 Singapore 60.81 41.01 70.42 UAE 84.36 78.34 63.51 Malaysia 45.44 49.99 59.54 S. Arabia 59.50 46.08 53.19 Bangladesh 54.35 46.56 49.45 France 40.92 46.02 48.06 Canada 46.23 49.48 47.13 Netherlands 52.90 28.18 40.60 Spain 61.30 24.72 36.19 Nepal 39.55 39.93 36.05 South Africa 27.11 20.44 23.75 Italy 28.52 25.42 22.97 Australia 15.82 15.78 21.07 Belgium 9.61 13.50 19.53 Korea (South) 10.37 11.87 17.41 Pakistan 32.70 16.21 15.55 Brazil 30.90 16.10 14.21 Indonesia 11.42 17.50 13.75 Russia 16.41 10.97 12.07 Taiwan 15.74 7.01 11.75 Egypt(ARE) 16.69 8.88 11.67 Mexico 20.68 24.98 11.08 Kuwait 12.79 15.29 10.91 Hongkong 12.62 6.78 10.89 Paraguay 1.51 3.84 10.46 Israel 10.24 9.02 9.63 Y.A.R. 7.92 7.01 9.04 Denmark 10.55 6.21 8.88 Thailand 3.70 4.33 8.60 Phillipines 6.17 4.61 7.81 Sweden 5.78 6.23 7.37 Switzerland 6.31 5.17 6.22 Baharain 5.75 5.26 5.79 Poland 3.67 4.81 5.61 New Zealand 2.45 4.39 5.51 Iran 6.71 6.09 5.22 Others 73.89 67.07 73.03 Total 1833.53 1625.35 1790.00

(E): Estimated Source: Spices Board